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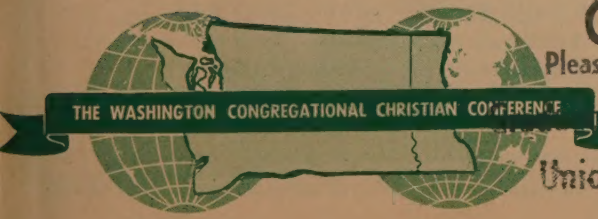

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MEETING A NEED

Archie H. Hook

The Every Church Visitation program was proposed at a meeting of about one hundred of our Conference leaders in January, 1951. The only big question raised was: "Will it work?" The answer came March 26—31, Visitation Week. **IT worked!!**

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Seldom has a Conference-wide project met with such approval. This was evidenced by the unanimous vote at the last Annual Conference, May 3rd, approving the plan and recommending that it be repeated.

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THE PURPOSE. Fellowship was emphasized last year. This will again be one of the reasons for the Visitation, but it is proposed to give more thought to the agendas for the various meetings.

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THE PLAN is to have teams of two, a minister and one lay person, meet with the officials of each local church. They will discuss together the total program of the church and Conference.

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THE PREPARATION. Two training sessions will be held. Visitors will be provided with full information and extensive material concerning the various aspects of our churches and their work. They will be prepared to answer questions, to discuss problems and to give encouragement.

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THE DATES.

February 8 . . . . . Training Session in Spokane
February 9 . . . . . Training Session in Seattle
February 10—24 . . . . . **Visitation Week**

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STEPS ONE AND TWO. The first step for the local church is to choose a date during this week of February 10—24, on which you will welcome a visitation team. And, second, each minister is asked to notify the Conference Office if he will serve as one of the visitors and give the names of two lay men from the church who will also assist.

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Churches and visitors who shared in this program last year testify enthusiastically to its value. The aim is to reach every church in the Conference this year, big and small. The committee and the Conference staff are hard at work, but this program belongs to the local church and will be valuable largely in proportion to the number of churches and individuals participating.

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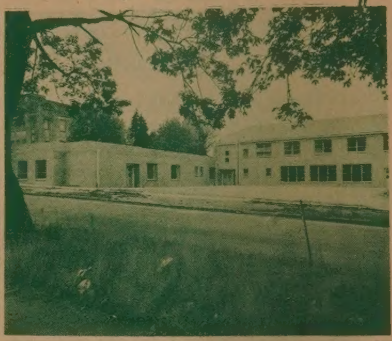
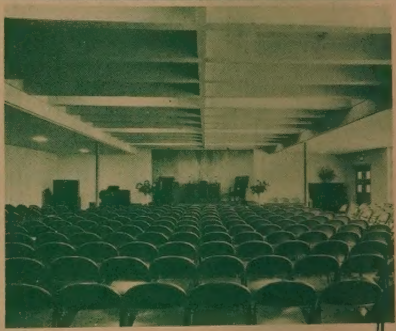
Building for the Future

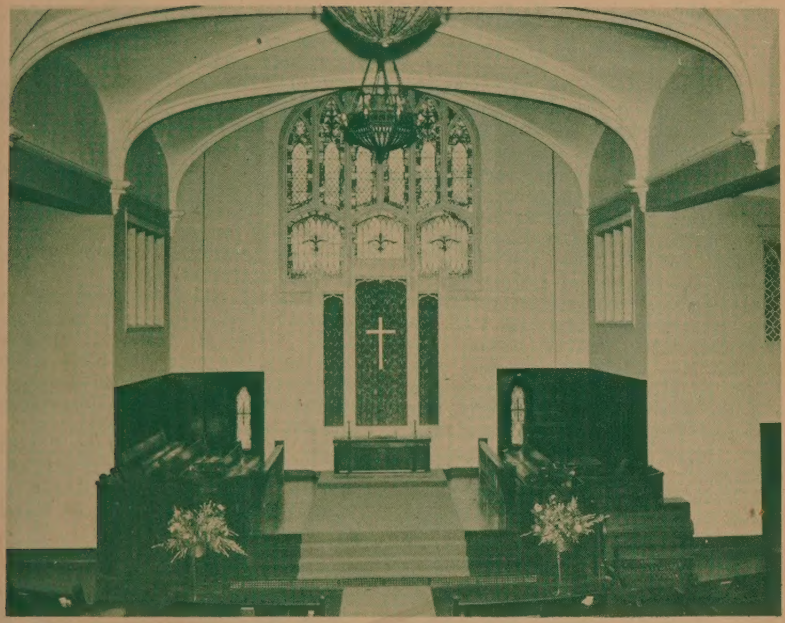




Members of The United Churches of Olympia dedicated with a sense of responsibility to the future the first units of their new church this fall. Built of reinforced concrete and steel, the building combines beauty and utility. The sanctuary and women's parlor will be added in future years, completing the full building program.

Facilities provided include fine Christian education rooms for all age groups, a chapel for small worship services and weddings, and excellent kitchen, offices and minister's study, together with a choir room. A fireproof vault and a brides' room are added features. The building will, when completed, provide for a Sunday School enrollment approaching 325 children. The Social Hall will seat more than 200 at tables, will accommodate 275-300 persons for public meetings.

The Rev. J. Edgar Pearson, Jr., is minister of the church.



Work has been completed on the sanctuary of the First Congregational Church, Tacoma. The above shows the redocorations and several of the memorial gifts—pulpit, lectern, organ, dossal curtain and cross, and communion table. A service of rededication was held this fall, and tribute was made to Rev. Paul Van Horn, former minister.

»» Green Lake Pastor Dies ««

Friends will regret to learn of the sudden death of the Rev. William D. McDowell, pastor of the Green Lake Congregational Church for the past five years. Mr. McDowell died of a heart attack on Friday, November 24. Private funeral services were held on the 27th, followed by cremation.

Memorial services were conducted on Sunday afternoon, December 2, by the Rev. Archie H. Hook, Minister of the Conference, with the Rev. Bernard C. Herrick, as Moderator of the Seattle Association, assisting.

Mr. McDowell came to Washington from Kansas and held pastorates at Carnation and Aberdeen prior to his service at Green Lake. He was active in conference programs, and was serving as chairman of the conference committee on Social Action at the time of his death. Mr. McDowell was also active in many civic groups and lodges in Seattle.

Surviving are his wife, Helen; two sons, Martin and William, Jr.; two daughters, Mrs. Virginia Aho of Shelton and Mrs. Margaret MacSlarrow of Colorado Springs, Colo.; four sisters and ten grandchildren.

Deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. McDowell and family from the conference fellowship.

The Women's Fellowship

Mrs. W. H. Harris

A recent issue of The Church Woman carried the quotation, "If you are too busy to pray, you are too busy." I hope that the women of our churches are not too busy to pray, but that you are spending many hours in prayer for peace in our world. As we give ourselves in prayer our own lives are strengthened, for as Daniel Poling states in his book, Faith is Power, "When we pray we link ourselves with the inexhaustible motive power that spins the universe. We ask that part of this power be apportioned to our needs. Even in asking, our human deficiencies are filled and we arise strengthened and repaired."

Then we must not forget the work that is ours to do. Korean children need our help. When we think of the bitter cold winter ahead for the homeless and starving children certainly our hearts are touched to the depths, and we will make our concern real. Our own Mrs. Reiss writes from Greece where she is working for our Congregational Service Committee that one of the greatest needs is for clothing, especially for men. Anything we can do to help in this regard will be greatly appreciated.

We must also be alert to the problems within our own communities. A Social Action Committee can help. We hope you have taken some action on the recent communication from Mrs. Theron Zimmerman, our Social Action secretary.

As we begin a New Year, let us be constant in our prayers and active in meeting the needs of others. May the New Year be happy for each of you.

Dr. Freeman Inaugurated

Inauguration ceremonies for Dr. Otis W. Freeman of Cheney as President of Eastern Washington College of Education were held on Sunday, December 2 in Showalter Hall. At the inaugural banquet on Sunday afternoon, Mr. LeRoy Eide represented the Conference and gave greetings for the fellowship. The Rev. Fred W. Field of the Federated Church, Cheney, delivered the Invocation and the Benediction.

Dr. Freeman has been an active and responsible member of The Federated Church for several years. He has served as a deacon, chairman of the Finance Committee, and chairman of the church official board. He served as Moderator of the Washington Conference in 1938-39.

The best wishes of our fellowship are with Dr. Freeman as he continues in the responsibility recently assumed.

"Be Sure it happens again"

"It was the best meeting we have had in a long Be sure it happens again."

"It helped our people to see that other churches had similar problems, and somehow worked them out."

"It helped us to feel that we are a part of a larger work."

"We think the program was very worthwhile in our church."

These statements are typical responses of the Every Church Visitation program of last year, where a minister and laymen from different churches went to visit a third church.

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The weeks of February 10–24 will be devoted to a repetition of this program. Ministers and laymen will be solicited for these visits with the local church councils or members of official boards. They will come in behalf of the Conference to make a friendly call, to discuss local problems and to present the wider work of our fellowship

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Two committees are responsible for the direction of the Visitations. For eastern Washington and northern Idaho, the Rev. Paul D. Sutley, chairman, the Rev. Robert Satterfield and the Rev. Charles Williams; for western Washington, the Rev. George Halstead, chairman, the Rev. B. C. Herrick and the Rev. Paul Van Horn.

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Training sessions for the teams will be held in Spokane on February 8, and in Seattle on February 9.

P. F. OBSERVES YOUTH WEEK

Dear P. F'ers:

School is well into the first semester and some of us are making plans for graduation. We all realize that school activities are taking up an awful lot of our time, but we also realize that Pilgrim Fellowship is something we must make time for.

In Pilgrim Fellowship we find something more than is found in one of our many school clubs. It is more than going to meetings, making friends, raising money, although these are all extremely important parts of P. F. But we also experience something which can't be put into words. There is a sense of purpose in everything we do, and a sense of fellowship—fellowship with God and Christ, who give us that purpose, and fellowship with other people who are striving to carry it out.

Reports are coming about our participation in the Work Day for Christ. We know that this meant a lot to several groups, and hope that others may be interested in the project.

The last of this month we shall join with young people of all churches in the observance of National Youth Week. Beginning on January 27, we shall celebrate Pilgrim Fellowship Sunday. In many churches across the nation young people will have charge of the morning worship service, and have opportunity to tell the story of the work we are doing together. Through the week others will have special meetings with their parents or other youth groups in their communities. Finally on Sunday, February 3, we will join with young people of other denominations in answering The Call to United Christian Youth Action. National Youth Week is a good time to do something special for your church.

As we all know, Pilgrim Fellowship is a wonderful experience, but it's something we have to work for. We can't know the joy of a Work Day for Christ unless we work at it—nor the significance of National Youth Week unless we do something. So let's really do our best to learn more about the work of P. F. and make it mean something to all of us in this New Year.

Sincerely,

Jane Anderson

David Junroth and Beverly Clawson of Vancouver take care of an extra assignment in connection with their Work Day for Christ. Total amount received to date from groups participating in this project is $267.96.

Answering . . . "An Invitation to Mexico"

Ronald Ratcliffe

The flight from Mexico City to Guadalajara was one of utmost perfection. God seemed to have outdone himself. The beauty of the day was indescribable. It was Sunday morning—10:30 to be exact, when we arrived at the airport at Guadalajara. It was 10:55 when we reached the hotel. Leaving my parents and sister, I immediately set out to find the Congregational Church. The taxi driver, after some wandering, finally stopped his cab in front of a little stone church. He did not seem sure that this was the Congregational Church, but I had a hunch it was so paid him a couple of pesos and sent him on his way. I ventured into the small foyer of the church and from there into the sanctuary where I found a young Mexican giving a talk—in Spanish, of course. He was a nice appearing young man, about 24 or 25 years old. Quietly I slipped in and sat down. From the Sunday School room could be heard the strains of "Jesus Loves Me" and "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus." Although sung in Spanish it made one feel at home. The talk was over shortly and the congregation broke into small discussion groups. I was invited by a friendly young Mexican to join the adult class. Although a great deal of what was said passed over my head, my knowledge of Spanish being quite limited, it was interesting just to watch their faces and expressions. Never in my life have I seen more attentive and interested people. Everyone took part in the discussion.

At the close of the meeting, I proceeded to look around. It was then that I was approached by a

young man, rather sparce of hair, but nice looking. He said in typical American—"Hey! Don't run off!" This startled me, and then he introduced himself as Malcolm Hayes, Congregational missionary to Guadalajara. He asked me if I would stick around—that he would like to introduce me to his congregation. He had been noticing the book I had in my hand, "Invitation to Mexico" by Wesley Matzigkeit, and said he knew the author well. He then introduced me and the members of the congregation picked up their hymnals and waved them at me—a sign of welcome. Numerous people shook hands with me after the service and cordially invited me back to Vespers. Walking back to the hotel I had a vivid picture in my mind of happy, light-hearted, yet sincerely true Christian people I had just met.

News of the Churches

VANCOUVER . . .

Vancouver, First reports a series of repairs and improvements that will amount to $2,000. A new roof, painting, and repairs about the church will be completed in the near future.

Taking part in a Visitation Evangelism program with the local council of churches prior to the visit this fall of E. Stanley Jones, teams of laymen and laywomen obtained 59 committments; 45 of these were received into membership on October 28, of which 35 were received on confession of faith. Additional members were received on December 3. A successful Every Member Canvass was also conducted this fall and there was a fine observance of Laymen's Sunday. Dr. Wade L. Carter, minister, also reports increased activities of their youth groups.

PESHASTIN . . .

The Rev. Richard N. England is now serving this parish, and a recent news item in the Wenatchee World reports the coming of a Displaced person to the community. Mr. Jourdan Penkow, a Bulgarian refugee, is to live and have his tailor shop in the parsonage at Peshastin. Mr. and Mrs. England and family come into the fellowship of the Washington Conference from pastorates in Oregon.

FOX ISLAND . . .

The Rev. Lee Lynne reports that work has begun on excavating the basement of The Island Church, with six work captains. The work will be voluntary, and it is hoped that the project will be completed soon.

WEST SEATTLE . . .

"Tidings" the monthly news bulletin reports an active program during the holiday season, with various activities of the church school, Scouts, women's fellowship, and building improvements including a new concrete floor for the kitchen. Dr. Ambrose Bailey of Seattle is serving as interim pastor.

WASHOUGAL . . .

The Rev. Vincent Stageberg reports a fine experience when members of the conference Committee on Evangelism visited their church this fall. The experience included a fellowship supper, followed by special sessions for the children, young people, and the adults, and closed with worship.

ELK . . .

The Rev. Walter Pierson is now serving the parish at Elk. This is the first time in the history of the church that they have had resident ministerial leadership. Mr. Pierson was formerly at Touchet.

Chester B. Fisk

TACOMA, First . . .

The Rev. and Mrs. Chester B. Fisk and family have begun their work at First Church. They arrived in late December from their parish in Hanover, New Hampshire. Mr. Fisk is a graduate of Princeton and Chicago Theological Seminary, with graduate study in Germany and at the University of Chicago. He has served churches in Chicago and was minister of the Church of Christ in Hanover since 1938. He is considered a good story teller, a square dance caller, and a ski enthusiast.

Mrs. Fisk is known throughout our fellowship for her recent book, "The Art of the Rhythmic Choir," and her work in this field.

We welcome the Fisk family to our conference fellowship.

LINCOLN HEIGHTS . . .

A service of Recognition for the Rev. and Mrs. Charles L. Williams was held in early November at the Lincoln Heights church. Friends came from the entire eastern Washington area to share in the service. The Rev. Carl Baird of Ione, served as Moderator of the meeting, at the request of the church. Dr. Archie H. Hook, Minister of the Conference gave the sermon.

DEER PARK . . .

The sixtieth anniversary of the Open Door Church was celebrated on November 11, with Dr. Archie H. Hook as guest preacher. The anniversary service was dedicated to the memory of Benjamin Lewis, a charter member of the church, and deacon from 1891-1934. Other features of the day included a fellowship dinner at which the highlights of the history of the church were given and the movie, "A Wonderful Life" was shown. The Rev. Paul Dowty is minister of the church.

BENGE . . .

Dedication of the new church at Benge occurred on November 4, with representatives of several denominations participating in the service. Minister of the church is the Rev. R. K. Anderson who also serves as Ralston.

FERNDALE, United . . .

A new Wurlitzer organ purchased with funds from the sale of the Congregational property and by gifts of the families and friends of those being memorialized was dedicated on November 25. Dr. Archie Hook of the Conference participated in the service conducted by the minister, the Rev. Gene Albertson.

SOMETHING HAS BEEN ADDED

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On arriving in New York our first impressions were contradictory. We went to the corner delicatessen to buy a quart of milk, a loaf of bread, a can of soup, and a cube of butter. A dollar hardly stretched to make these few purchases. Naturally our first impression was the high cost of living, inflation, etc.

The second impression which was made simultaneously with the first was the wealth of America—the fabulously high standard of living.

It, of course, requires no acute observer to see these two facts about the American scene. Everyone talks, jokes and gripes about inflation and taxes, blaming the government, a political party, labor or management or some foreign power.

Americans are feeling the pinch. However it is not the pinch known by three-fourths of the world. We are caught between the expectation and demand that our standard of living constantly rise and the downward pressure caused by war expenditures.

The common response to this pinch is to squeal. From radio comedians to five star generals we hear the squeal which is echoed by all.

However in traveling around to our churches, I have been greatly encouraged. Although we Christians are Americans and do some squealing too, the Christian Church has made a much more positive and creative response to the conflicting pressures. The Christian looks upon our high standard of living not as a right to be demanded but as a trust from God. He also realizes that he cannot fulfill his Christian responsibilities by simply keeping his head above water—paying his monthly bills and taxes. He must accept a responsible share

Larry W. Henderson

in the carrying on of God's work in his local church, in the conference and all around the world. As a denomination we call our share Our Christian World Mission.

We are concerned that to date we have only reached 60% of the goal of Our Christian World Mission. However, I am not discouraged. I have met vigorous laymen who have had their faith greatly enriched by a new understanding of their roles as Christian stewards. In many churches the Financial Drive has changed its name to Every Member Canvass, but most important it has changed its spirit. It was an unpleasant task to be accomplished so we could pay the minister and keep the church warm. Now, it is an opportunity to make our Christian witness as we visit our neighbors, and for all to join in the joy of sharing.

I am greatly encouraged to meet all across the conference, in small churches and large, a goodly number of responsible Christians—faithful stewards.

NEWS BRIEFS

Bob Inglis of Whittier, California, and President of the United Student Fellowship will be in our conference from February 10—17. Mr. Inglis has been employed by the Department of Higher Education for a period of five months to visit the various campuses and meet with the Congregational Christian students. While here he will have opportunity to meet with students at Whitman College, Walla Walla; Washington State College at Pullman; Eastern Washington College at Cheney; Western Washington at Bellingham; and the University of Washington at Seattle.

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Miss Justine Sires of Walla Walla is spending this year with her family in London. Justine is the former president of our Conference Pilgrim Fellowship, and while in London is doing some work in the office of the youth director of Congregational Churches.

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Club rate churches to date for The Congregational Way include:

Beacon Hill, Seattle
Keystone, Seattle
Japanese, Seattle
Fauntleroy, Seattle
German, Seattle
Ferndale
Pasco
Pilgrim, Tacoma
Pullman
Blaine
Oberlin, Steilacoom
Metaline Falls
Ralston
Sylvan, Fox Island
Vancouver, First
Cusick—Usk

The conference Christian Education Committee announces the following schedule of camps and conferences this summer.

Camp N-Sid-Sen on Lake Coeur d'Alene:
July 12—19: Junior High
July 19—26: Senior High
July 26—Aug. 2: Family Conference
Aug. 2—9: Women's Fellowship
Aug. 9—16: Church School Teachers

Deception Pass on Whidby Island:
Aug. 3—10: Junior High

Seabeck on Hood's Canal:
Aug. 18—25: Senior High

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Two young men for Plymouth Church, Seattle, entered seminary this fall in preparation for the ministry. Rodman Cart, son of Dr. and Mrs. Dwight L. Cart, is enrolled at Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Conn., and Felix Davis, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Davis is attending Union Seminary in New York City.

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Friends of the Lloyd L. Lorbeers, missionaries of The American Board in Pasumalai, India, will regret to learn of the death on December 3 of Mrs. Lorbeer. Mrs. Lorbeer first sailed with her husband, a lay missionary for India, in 1915. She was especially interested in social service and child welfare. A unique contribution made by the Lorbeers was their help in developing what has come to be called the Indian Oberammergau, an annual dramatic presentation called Love Divine, a portrayal of the life of Christ with an all-Indian cast staged in a natural amphitheatre.

The Lloyd Lorbeers are the projects of Plymouth Congregational Church, Seattle.

Seeing the Fair . . .

Plymouth Fair, the first bazaar held at Seattle's Plymouth Church in ten years was a high financial success.

Orchids and Paul Bunyan's Douglas Fir seedlings were specials.

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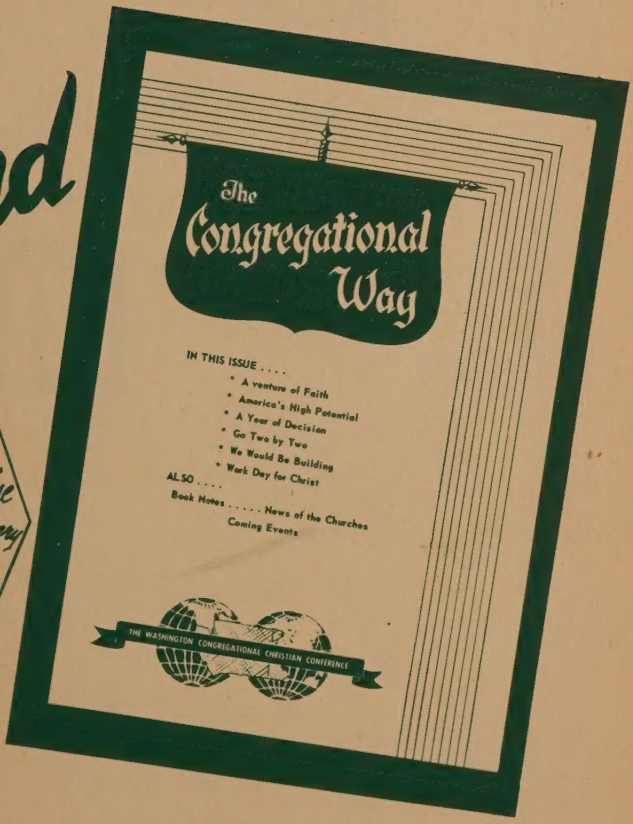

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